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Congressional Report on Handling of Classified Material

1. Reference your memorandum dated 28 October 1946 regarding Special Report of the Hobb's Subcommittee of the House Judiciary Committee regarding handling of classified documents.
2. The Majority Report is not yet available but the Minority Views of Congressman Fellows (R., Me.) are attached herewith.
3. Attention is drawn to the tremendous number of documents, classified from confidential through top secret, illegally obtained from the State Department, the War Department, MID, ONI, and OSS.
4. Attention is called to the statements on page three (3) stating that,  
  
"The Department of State had no system worthy of the name for protecting the files of that department. A man with a gold badge could, without question, carry away any document he wished. All he needed was a gold badge, and this could be borrowed."

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